

**CITY OF MASCOUTAH
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
#3 WEST MAIN STREET
MASCOUTAH, IL 62258-2030**

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Mascoutah.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City prayer was delivered by City Clerk Kari Haas. The Council remained standing and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gerald Daugherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Gerald Daugherty and Council members Ben Grodeon, Paul Schorr, John Weyant, and Pat McMahan.

Absent: None.

Other Staff Present: City Manager Cody Hawkins, City Clerk Kari Haas, City Attorney Al Paulson, Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey, Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren, Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner, and Assistant City Manager Lisa Koerkenmeier.

Establishment of a Quorum: A quorum of City Council members was present.

AMEND AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 2, 2014 regular City Council meeting were presented and stood as presented.

Motion passed. Passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assistant Fire Chief Rob Stookey – August 2014 report was provided. Councilman Weyant asked who tests the fire hydrants. City Manager stated that the City's Water Department does the fire hydrant testing.

Public Safety Director Bruce Fleshren – August 2014 report was provided.

Finance Coordinator Lynn Weidenbenner – Monthly financials provided.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Ron Yeager – absent – Status report on public projects and monthly building permits report provided. Mayor stated he had a few questions from residents about why the east side of Harnett Street has remained closed. City Manager stated that the east side is closed because the concrete curbing has been torn out so it causes a traffic hazard to have it open. Councilman Schorr asked about residential driveways and if anyone had paid to have their driveway done. City Manager stated that one resident did pay to have their whole driveway re-poured. Councilman Schorr asked about repaving N. 10th St. from Harnett to Hackberry and if a concrete sidewalk would replace the lime trail. City Manager stated that he believes so but would have to check with the City Engineer. Councilman Grodeon asked about the road improvements projects and about the increased traffic through other streets. City Manager stated that West Harnett Street should be done in October and East Harnett Street has to be done by the end of the year. City Manager stated that Fuesser Road should remain open during the winter when they will be working on the storm drains and won't be shut down until spring when the asphalt work is going to be done. City Manager stated that they will be looking at the conditions of the other roads like Poplar Street after these projects are complete. Councilman Weyant asked about N. 10th St. and if diagonal parking could be placed on the east side towards Harnett Street instead of using parallel parking. City Manager stated that they would look into it. Councilman Weyant asked about the milling of the streets and where the road mill is going. City Manager stated that the City is keeping the road mill and will be stockpiling it on County Road to be used at various locations.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor

Attended the following meetings and functions: Call in on KMOX with Charlie Brennen, meeting at IDOT, spoke at Mascoutah Elementary School and Leu Civic Center for 9/11, retirement party for Clay Mason, change of command at Scott AFB for the 932nd Reserves.

City Council

Grodeon – Attended the following meetings and functions: Landscaped at Habitat for Humanity house, Habitat for Humanity meeting.

Schorr – Attended the following meetings and functions: Helped Tree Sub-Committee mark trees in Scheve Park, participated in volunteer project at Leu Civic Center, landscaped at Habitat for Humanity house.

Weyant – Nothing to report.

McMahan – Attended the following meetings and functions: Worked on disc golf course at Scheve Park.

City Manager – Thanked the Council for allowing him to take a vacation during the previous City Council meeting.

City Attorney – Nothing to report.

City Clerk – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR (OMNIBUS)

The August 2014 Fund Balance Report and Claims & Salaries Report were provided under the omnibus consideration.

Councilman Schorr asked about the boom mower repairs. City Manager stated that there were issues with the hydraulics and it was needing to be repairs immediately which is why it was done with that company.

Councilman Weyant asked about purchases at Erb Turf Equipment. City Manager stated that he will look into it and find out why those items were purchased there instead somewhere more local.

Councilman Weyant asked what a cynch lock was. City Manager stated that he would find out.

Grodeon moved, seconded by Schorr, to accept all items under Omnibus consideration.

Motion passed. AYE's – Grodeon, Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Daugherty. NAY's – none.

PC 14-05 – ALLEY VACATION, 100 BLOCK OF E. MAIN STREET, BETWEEN N. MARKET STREET AND N. LEBANON STREET (SECOND READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of vacation of a portion of an alley (12' wide) in the 100 block of E. Main from N. Market Street to N. Lebanon Street easterly 150'.

Councilman Schorr asked about the utility easement and if it is in fact going to be a 15' easement. Assistant City Manager stated that as of right now the City will be obtaining a 7.5' utility easement from both property owners for a 15' utility easement.

Weyant moved, seconded by McMahan, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 14-11, vacating a portion of the alleyway (12') wide in the 100 block of E. Main from N. Market Street to N. Lebanon Street easterly approximately 150' with the following condition:

1. A new utility easement, minimum of 10' in width, will be required from the applicant, or the applicant and the adjoining property owner (currently Regions Bank), beginning from Church Street and running south in between their properties for a length of approximately 100 feet.

Motion passed. AYE's – Grodeon, Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Daugherty. NAY's – none.

PC 14-06 – REZONING OF 6.78 ACRES LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF FUESSER ROAD AND N. 6TH STREET FROM GC, GENERAL COMMERCIAL, TO RS-10, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SECOND READING)

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of rezoning of property for 6.78 acres located at the southwest corner of Fuesser Road and N. 6th Street from GC, General Commercial, to RS-10, Single-Family Residential by adoption of ordinance.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 14-12, approving the rezoning of property located at the southwest corner of Fuesser Road and N. 6th Street from GC, General Commercial, to RS-10, Single-Family Residential, subject to the Findings for Approval attached.

Motion passed. AYE's – Grodeon, Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Daugherty. NAY's – none.

ENGINEERING SERVICES – MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT IL RT 4

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval of Engineering Services Agreement with EFK Moen, LLC, Civil Engineering Design for conducting field surveys and preparing a Phase 1 Design Report for the Main Street Improvements at IL Rte. 4 Project. Mary Lamie with EFK Moen, LLC was present to answer questions.

Councilman Schorr asked if this was just for road improvements or if this is going to include design work for the uptown plan. City Manager stated that it is for both; it is going to be done in 3 phases and design work for the uptown plan will be included in the phases.

Councilman Weyant asked if the amount for IDOT is a fixed amount. Mary Lamie stated that IDOT's amount is a lump sum fixed amount.

Councilman Grodeon asked if this engineering firm has been used by the City before. City Manager stated that we have not used this engineering firm before but the City was able to work with Mary Lamie who formerly worked with IDOT who helped the City get on IDOT's calendar which is why the City decided to use this engineering firm.

Weyant moved, seconded by Schorr, to accept the City Manager's engineering recommendation to approve EFK Moen, LLC for engineering services for the Main Street Improvements at IL Rte. 4 Project for a lump sum amount of \$92,915.40 and authorize appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

Motion passed. AYE's – Grodeon, Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Daugherty. NAY's – none.

FUESSER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II – BID AWARD

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bid for furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment to reconstruct Fuesser Road from Rte. 4 to North 6th Street. Sheila Kimlinger with Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc. was present to answer questions.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the timing. City Manager stated that the storm sewer work will be done this year and the asphalt work will be done next year. Sheila Kimlinger from TWM stated that the storm sewer work has to be completed by the end of the year and the asphalt work has to be completed by May/June. Councilman Grodeon asked about penalties. City Manager stated that it will be structured based on IDOT specifications and there will be penalties for late completion.

McMahan moved, seconded by Schorr, to approve the low bid of \$1,191,178.95 to Surmeier & Surmeier, Inc. of Mascoutah, IL for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the Fuesser Road Improvements, Phase II Project and authorize appropriate officials to execute the necessary documents.

Motion passed. AYE's – Grodeon, Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Daugherty. NAY's – none.

4TH STREET LIFT STATION REPAIRS – BID AWARD

City Manager presented report for Council consideration of approval and authorization of bid for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment to replace discharge piping at the 4th Street Lift Station.

City Manager provided additional information regarding the bid and the bid coming in over budget. City Manager stated that the Council has the option of either approving the bid as is and going over on a budget line item or rebidding the project or holding off until next fiscal year to increase the budget for the project and rebid at that time.

Councilman Schorr asked if the project is rebid at this time if more bidders may bid. City Manager stated that there is no way to know; there were three other bidders that pulled bid packets but there is no answer as to why they did not bid on the project. City Manager stated that it is specialized repair work and there are a limited number of contractors qualified to do the work.

Councilman Weyant asked about the difference in the price and if there was any explanation as to why it was so much higher. City Manager stated that he would have to talk with City Engineer Ron Yeager and Chad Ross from TWM.

Councilman Grodeon asked about the engineer's estimate. City Manager stated that he never saw paperwork with a concrete engineer estimate but would have to discuss it with City Engineer Ron Yeager.

City Manager stated that it is not an urgent item so with the questions raised tonight he recommends the Council table the item until more answers can be obtained from Chad Ross at TWM and City Engineer Ron Yeager.

Weyant moved, seconded by Grodeon, to table item.

Motion passed. AYE's – Grodeon, Schorr, Weyant, McMahan, Daugherty. NAY's – none.

COUNCIL – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None.

CITY MANAGER – MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager stated that the City is working with the developer on the sales tax bonds and should have those issues ironed out before the next meeting to move on with approving those bonds. City Manager stated that there are some issues with the business district sales tax on the Huddle House / Fuel Cell business but those are being ironed out with the State right now so that we can move forward with the business district bonds.

Assistant City Manager provided information regarding the future of TIF 2B and possibly amending the budget for TIF 2B redevelopment plan that came out of the Economic Development Commission meeting held last week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS OR FINAL ACTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

McMahan moved, seconded by Grodeon, to **adjourn at 8:03 p.m.**

Motion passed. Motion passed by unanimous yes voice vote.

Kari D. Haas, City Clerk